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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. This amendment is in response to the Examiner's Answer in the appeal of the above-identified application to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, which answer was mailed on April 7, 2004.

The first Official Action in the above-identified application was issued on October 24, 2000. Applicants entered the present claims, in their first form in a response mailed on March 26, 2001. The rejection of the pending claims was first made by the Examiner on March 14, 2003. The first time the Examiner raised the issue that the present claims are not directed to a "single chip" computer system is in the Examiner's Answer. Applicants believe that claims in the application were directed to a single chip computer system and have been making that argument for an extended period of time. If the Examiner had raised the issue that he believed that the claims were not so directed earlier, then the claims could have been amended at an earlier date in order to clarify the situation. In view of the fact that the Examiner first raised this issue in the Examiner's Answer, applicants have filed this Request for Continued Examination in order to make this amendment, so that it is explicitly clear that the present invention is directed to a single integrated circuit or single chip computer system.

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner states that the objections to the claims and the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, have been withdrawn. Applicants believe that the remarks contained in the appeal brief mailed on January 16, 2004 clearly distinguish the present invention over the references cited by the Examiner. In view of the fact that the issue regarding whether or not the invention is to a "single chip" computer system has now been resolved, applicants believe that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants also enclose herewith a proposed correction to Figure 4 to correct an error noted by the translator at the bottom of page 2 of the application and an amendment to the specification to remove the translator's remark, now that the figure has been corrected. Applicants request that the Examiner approve this corrected drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

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